IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Mrs. Hughes in the Chair.)

The motion was made and seconded that Hon. Coke R. Stevenson, Speaker, be named Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House.

The motion prevailed.

(Mr. Stevenson in the Chair.)

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1

The chairman laid before the committee for consideration at this time, by the committee,

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the issuance of State relief bonds to be designated as Texas Relief Bonds, Third Series, in the sum of nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) under Section 51-a, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Texas; providing for the sources of revenue from which said bonds shall be paid and their denominations, date maturities, maximum interest rate, and date of payment of interest, place of payment, exempting same from taxation; providing that said bonds shall be eligible to secure deposits of the State of Texas, that said bonds shall be eligible to secure deposits of the State of Texas, counties, cities, or political subdivisions thereof and public corporations thereof; providing for their approval by the Attorney General, signing by the Governor, attesting by the Secretary of State, and registering by the Comptroller and Treasurer; prescribing the procedure for the sale of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; prohibiting borrowing in anticipation of future issuance bonds; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Duvall made the following motion:

I move that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House appoint a steering committee of five members, who shall provide proper procedure for the conduct of an inquiry into the past expenditures and future requirements and methods employed by the Relief Commission in line with consideration of House Bill No. 1.

DUVALL, KAYTON. The motion prevailed.

The chairman appointed the following committee in accordance with the above motion:

Messrs. Duvall, Kayton, James, Parkhouse, and Alexander.

At 11:55 o'clock a. m., Mr. Parkhouse moved that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave of the House to sit again.

The motion prevailed.

IN THE HOUSE

(Speaker in the Chair.)

At 11:55 o'clock a. m., Mr. Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, reported to the House that the committee desired to rise and report progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lemens moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., next Tuesday.

Mr. Reed of Bowie moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Reed of Bowie prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12 o'clock m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

SIXTH DAY

(Saturday, September 1, 1934)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Stevenson.

The roll was called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker. Colson. Adamson. Cowley. Aikin. Crossley. Alexander. Daniel. Alsup. Dunlap. Atchison. Dunagan. Baker. Engelhard. Barrett. Fain. Barron. Fisher. Beck. Fuchs. Bedford. Glass. Bourne. Golson. Bradley. Good. Burns. Goodman. Camp. Graves. Canon. Greathouse. Cathey. Griffith. Celaya. Hankamer. Chastain. Harman. Clayton. Harris.

Nicholson. Hartzog. Palmer. Head. Hicks. Parkhouse. Patterson. Hill. Hodges. Pavlica. Holland. Puryear. Hoskins. Ramsey. Ratliff. Huddleston. Hughes. Reed of Bowie. Hunt. Renfro. Hyder. Riddle. Jackson. Roark. Rogers of Hunt. James. Rogers Jefferson. of Ochiltree. Johnson of Anderson. Rollins. Jones of Atascosa. Russell. Scarborough. Jones of Shelby. Kayton. Scott. Kyle of Hays. Shannon. Kyle of Palo Pinto. Smith. Stanfield. Laird. Steward. Lange. Latham. Stinson. Lemens. Stovall. Stubbeman. Leonard. Tarwater. Long. Tennyson. Mackay. Magee. Thomas. Tillery. McCullough. Townsend. McGregor. Merritt. Van Zandt. Vaughan. Metcalfe. Moffett. Walker. Wells. Moore. Morrison. Winningham. Morse. Young.

Absent

Calvert.
Davidson.
Duvall.

Dwyer. Pope.

Absent-Excused

Anderson. Lotief. Bergman. Mathis. Butler. McDougald. Caven. McKee. Coombes. Mitcham. Munson. Dean. Devall. Ray. Ford. Reader. Harrison. Reed of Dallas. Hester. Roberts. Holekamp. Savage. Holloway. Shults. Hunter. Turlington. Johnson of Dimmit. Wagstaff. Weinert. Jones of Runnels. Lindsey. Wood.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. W. Coltrin, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following Members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Dean, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Ray for today, on motion of Mr. Ratliff.

Mr. Ford for today, on motion of Mr. Head.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Reader for today, on motion of Mr. Kayton.

Mr. Mathis for today, on motion of Mr. Moore.

Mr. Lotief for today, on motion of Mr. Clayton.

Mr. Butler for today, on motion of Mr. Clayton.

Mr. Mitcham for today, on motion of Mr. Bourne.

Mr. Holekamp for today, on motion of Mr. Tarwater.

Mr. Stanfield for today, on motion of Mr. Morse.

Mr. Shults and Mr. Lindsey for today, on motion of Mr. Puryear.

Mr. Palmer for today, on motion of Mr. Colson.

Mr. Reed of Dallas for today, on motion of Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto.

Mr. Harrison for today, on motion of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Bergman for today, on motion of Mr. Canon.

Mr. Savage for today, on motion of Mr. Aikin.

Mr. Wood and Mr. McKee for today, on motion of Mr. Van Zandt.

Mr. Caven for today, on motion of Mr. Metcalfe.

Mr. Hunter for today, on motion of Mr. Hunt.

Mr. Devall for today, on motion of Mr. Pavlica.

Mr. Holloway and Mr. Turlington for today, on motion of Mr. Latham.

Mr. Coombes for today, on motion of Mr. Good.

Mr. Jones of Runnels for today, on motion of Mr. Engelhard.

Mr. Munson for today, on motion of Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto.

Mr. Weinert for today, on motion of Mr. Parkhouse.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Weinert:

H. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 4195-a,

Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 31, page 43, correcting the same by inserting the word "ward" in place of the word "minor" and by inserting the number "4198" in place of the number "4197," and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Weinert:

H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3369, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, correcting the same by inserting the words "testamentary or" after the word "letters" in the last sentence thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Weinert:

H. B. No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1043, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, so as to permit municipal corporations whose fiscal year runs otherwise than the calendar year to require assessment inventory to cover property possessed or controlled on the first day of the fiscal year, such inventory to be handed to the city assessor and collector within the first three months of the fiscal year, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Morrison and Mr. Stinson:

H. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2559, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, providing for the acceptance of bids in the selection of city depositories, and further providing for the designation of city depositories by the governing body of any city, town, and village in the State of Texas, in the event no bids are submitted or where said bids submitted are refused; fixing the minimum rate of interest where selection of depository is designated and not let on bids, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Griffith:

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay claim of Miss Maude Reichaw, account injury by State Highway truck, out of the funds of the State Highway Department; authorizing the payment of said claim on the taking effect of this Act."

Referred to Committee on Claims lief; and

and Account.

By Mr. Griffith and Mr. Mackay:

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the State Commission for the Blind; authorizing the State Commission for the Blind to employ an additional stenographer; providing for the salary of said stenographer; providing how the remainder of said appropriation shall be used, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appro-

priations.

By Mr. Reed of Bowie and Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto:

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 88, of the General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Fortyfirst Legislature, relating to the licensing of motorcycles, side cars, and passenger motor vehicles; providing a license fee therefor and fixing an effective date for this Act."

Referred to Committee on High-

ways and Motor Traffic.

REQUESTING CERTAIN INFOR-MATION FROM AND AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBU-TION OF FEDERAL FUNDS

Mr. Bradley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Federal Emergency Relief Administration will be required for some time to contribute to the support of many citizens in the several States in order to prevent starvation, exposure, and undue economic hardship, and it is therefore essential that the several States intelligently support a satisfactory and equitable apportionment of the expense of public relief between the Federal Government and each State; and

Whereas, There are many States that have contributed nothing, or almost nothing, for the relief of their citizens but have left this responsibility with the Federal Government, and, although in some instances local conditions in certain of the last mentioned States may justify a lack of uniformity in the contribution of Federal relief funds, there has not been adequate information available in the several States explaining such lack of uniformity in the contribution of Federal funds for unemployment relief; and

Whereas, A full explanation by the

Federal Emergency Relief Administration and, if necessary, the improvement of the plan for the distribution of Federal relief funds in the several States, is essential; now,

therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and is hereby, instructed to telegraph the two United States Senators from Texas respectfully requesting them to furnish the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, not later than Thursday, September 6, 1934, information as full as possible explaining the variations in allotments made by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in the several States during 1933 and 1934, and further explaining discriminations by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in its requirements of contributions by the several States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be mailed to the Congressmen representing the State of Texas in

Washington.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

CONCERNING CONSERVATION OF PINE FORESTS IN EAST TEXAS

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1, Relative to conservation of pine forests in East Texas.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be authorized to permit the United States Forest Service, now engaged in the reforestation and conservation of the pine forests of East Texas, to make examinations of the records of the General Land Office free of charge, and to compile such sketches as may be required for a resurvey of the areas involved, and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office be required to furnish copies of such patents as may be required to pass title to lands within the reforestation areas, all of which said work to be done under the supervision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Provided, that the employes of the

United States Forest Service be subject to the rules and regulations of the Land Office, and the pains and penalties of the penal statutes controlling its operations.

The resolution was read second

time.

On motion of Mr. Kayton, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

AUTHORIZING STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO MARK PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 3, Authorizing State Highway Department to mark places of historic interest.

Whereas, Texas, by virtue of her vivid and colorful past, is rich in his-

toric tradition; and

Whereas, Texas, in 1936, will celebrate, by means of a great Texas Centennial, the one-hundredth anniversary of her existence as a sovereign nation and State; and
Whereas, The Texas Centennial

Whereas, The Texas Centennial will attract people in large numbers, who will view the sacred and hallowed Alamo, the battlefield of San Jacinto, and many other shrines dear to the hearts of Texans; and who will observe that the early pioneers wrought wondrously in making of Texas a State of the first magnitude; and

Whereas, Many of the historic places of Texas are contiguous to her State Highways; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the State Highway Department be authorized to mark, with appropriate design, those places of historic interest which are adjacent to, or within sight of State Highways, and to erect upon said highways, guides indicating to the traveling public the location of such places.

The resolution was read second

On motion of Mr. Kayton, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

INVITING HON. TOM CONNALLY TO ADDRESS THE LEGIS-LATURE

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 4, Extending invitation

to Hon. Tom Connally to address the

Legislature.

Whereas, The distinguished junior senator in this State, is one of the outstanding figures in the National Administration; and

Whereas, He is now in Texas and will be with us for several weeks before returning to the National Cap-

itol; and

Whereas, He is in a position to advise this Legislature on the attitude of the Federal Government in various matters now pending before us; now,

therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, and the House of Representatives concurring, That an invitation be extended the Hon. Tom Connally of Falls County, Marlin, Texas, to address a joint session of this Legislature at such time as may meet with his convenience.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

REQUESTING CERTAIN REPORT FROM THE PINK BOLL WORM COMMISSION

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 5, Requesting certain report from the Pink Boll Worm Commission.

Whereas, At the First Called Session of the Forty-third Legislature, an appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), was made to pay what was known as Pink Boll Worm claims; and

Whereas, The Pink Boll Worm Commission has considered and approved many of such claims and authorized their payment; and

Whereas, The Legislature desires to be advised fully as to the expenditures of said appropriation; now,

therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Pink Boll Worm Commission and the Department of Agriculture submit to the present Called Session of the Legislature a full and complete report of the handling of such funds, going into every detail thereof, giving the total amount of claims considered, the amounts approved in full and by counties, the cost of administration, and the amount of the appropriation not expended.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Kayton, the resolution was adopted.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED

On motion of Mr. Moore, House Bill No. 14 was ordered not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, September 1, 1934.

Hon. Coke Stevenson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. C. R. No. 5, Requesting the Pink Boll Worm Commission and the Department of Agriculture to submit to the present Called Session of the Legislature a full and complete report of the handling of funds and all expenditures, etc., made by said Department.

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 8, of the General Laws of the Thirtyfourth Legislature, passed at its First Called Session, as amended by Senate Bill No. 143, Section 2, Chapter 24, of the General Laws of the Fortyfirst Legislature, passed at its Regular Session in 1929; also providing for an official court reporter of the County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, fixing the duties and compensation of said reporter, conferring civil as well as criminal jurisdiction upon said court, providing for filing docketing and transferring causes, and fixing effective date."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 14 by striking out in Section 1 the words, "and in civil actions and proceedings."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 14, by striking out "Section 3," and inserting in lieu thereof a new "Section 3" and "Section 4," reading as follows:

"Section 3. The County Clerk of Harris County, Texas, shall act as, and be the clerk of said County Court at Law No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, in both civil and criminal matters.

"Section 4. The crowded condition of the calendar creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1935, and it is so enacted."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 14, by striking out all above the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

"A bill to be entitled 'An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 8, of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, passed at its First Called Session, as amended by Senate Bill No. 143, Section 2, Chapter 24, of the General Laws of the Forty-first Legislature, passed at its Regular Session in 1929; also providing for an official court reporter of the County Court at Law No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, fixing the duties and compensation of said reporter, conferring civil as well as criminal jurisdiction upon said Court, providing for filing docketing and transferring causes, providing that the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas, shall be the clerk of said County Court at | Law No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, in both civil and criminal matters, declaring an emergency and fixing effective date of this Act.'"

The amendment was adopted.

House Bill No. 14 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Moore moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that House Bill No. 14 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—101

Mr. Speaker. Adamson. Aikin. Alexander. Alsup. Atchison. Baker. Barrett. Barron. Beck. Bedford. Bourne. Bradley. Burns. Camp. Canon. Cathey. Celaya. Chastain. Clayton. Colson. Crossley. Daniel. Dunlap. Engelhard. Fain. Fisher. Fuchs. Glass. Golson. Good. Goodman. Graves. Griffith. Hankamer. Harman. Harris. Hartzog. Head. Hicks. Hill. Hodges. Holland. Hoskins. Huddleston. Hughes. Hunt. Hyder. Jackson. James. Johnson of Anderson. Jones of Atascosa.

Jones of Atascos Jones of Shelby. Kayton. Kyle of Hays.

Laird.

Kyle of Palo Pinto. Lange.

Latham. Lemens. Leonard. Long. Mackay. Magee. McCullough. Merritt. Moffett. Moore. Morrison. Morse. Nicholson. Parkhouse. Patterson. Pavlica. Puryear. Ramsey. Ratliff. Reed of Bowie. Renfro. Riddle.

Renfro.
Riddle.
Roark.
Rogers of Hunt.
Rogers
of Ochiltree.
Rollins.
Russell.
Scott.
Smith.

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Stanfield.
Steward.
Stinson.
Stovall.
Stubbeman.
Tarwater.
Tennyson.
Tillery.
Townsend.
Van Zandt.
Vaughan.
Walker.
Wells.

Winningham.

Young.

Absent

Calvert. McGregor.
Cowley. Metcalfe.
Davidson. Pope.
Dunagan. Scarborough.
Duvall. Shannon.
Dwyer. Thomas.
Jefferson. Wagstaff.

Absent—Excused

Anderson.
Bergman.
Butler.
Caven.
Coombes.
Dean.
Devall.
Ford.
Greathouse.
Harrison.
Hester.
Holekamp.
Holloway.
Hunter.

Palmer. Johnson of Dimmit. Ray. Jones of Runnels. Reader. Reed of Dallas. Lindsey. Lotief. Roberts. Mathis. Savage. Shults. McDougald. McKee. Turlington. Mitcham. Weinert. Wood. Munson.

The Speaker then laid House Bill No. 14 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 2 ON SECOND READING

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading.

S. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying, confirming, and validating all bond and tax elections, and the proceedings therein, and preliminary thereto, and the bonds issued, or to be issued, in pursuance thereof, and the tax levies made, and to be made for the payment of such bonds in all cases where any such bond and tax election has heretofore been held in any independent school district (created by special Act or under the General Law), or in any common school district, and where the proposition for the issuance of such bonds, and the levying of such tax has carried at such election, and where the proceedings for any such election were irregular, or defective, in that no petition, or no legally sufficient petition, was filed requesting the ordering of such election, or in that the order or resolution of the board of trustees, or board of education, or other governing body calling such election, and the notice given of such election, and the proposition submitted at such election for the issuance of the bonds, either or all, did not specify or distinctly specify the maturity dates of the bonds to be issued, or where there was any other irregularity or defect in or connected with such election, or the proceedings preliminary thereto, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate Bill No. 2 by adding Hartzog. at the end of Section 1 the following: Head.

"Provided further, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to or in anywise affect any bonds of any school district which bonds are now in litigation in any court in this State."

METCALFE, JONES of Atascosa.

The amendment was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 2 was then passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 2 ON THIRD READING

Mr. Patterson moved that the constitutional rule, requiring bills to be read on three several days, be suspended, and that Senate Bill No. 2 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-102

Adamson. Hicks. Aikin. Hill. Alexander. Hodges. Alsup. Hoskins. Atchison. Huddleston. Baker. Hughes. Barrett. Hunt. Barron. Hyder. Beck. Jackson. Bedford. James. Bradley. Jones of Atascosa. Burns. Jones of Shelby. Camp. Kayton. Kyle of Hays. Canon. Cathey. Kyle of Palo Pinto. Celaya. Lange. Chastain. Latham. Clayton. Lemens. Colson. Leonard. Cowley. Long. Crossley. Mackay. Daniel. Magee. Dunlap. McCullough. Dunagan. Merritt. Engelhard. Metcalfe. Fain. Moffett. Fisher. Moore. Fuchs. Morrison. Glass. Morse. Golson. Nicholson. Good. Parkhouse. Goodman. Patterson. Graves. Pavlica. Greathouse. Puryear. Griffith. Ramsey. Hankamer. Ratliff. Harman. Reed of Bowie. Renfro. Harris. Riddle. Roark.

Rogers of Hunt. Stubbeman. Tarwater. Rogers of Ochiltree. Tennyson. Rollins. Thomas. Russell. Tillery. Townsend. Scott. Van Zandt. Shannon. Smith. Vaughan. Walker. Stanfield. Steward. Wells. Winningham. Stinson. Stovall.

Absent

Bourne. Laird.
Calvert. McGregor.
Davidson. Pope.
Duvall. Scarborough.
Dwyer. Wagstaff.
Holland. Young.

Johnson of Anderson.

Absent—Excused

Lotief. Anderson. Mathis. Bergman. Butler. McDougald. McKee. Caven. Mitcham. Coombes. Dean. Munson. Palmer. Devall. Ford. Ray. Reader. Harrison. Reed of Dallas. Hester. Holekamp. Roberts. Holloway. Savage. Hunter. Shults. Johnson Turlington. of Dimmit. Weinert. Wood. Jones of Runnels. Lindsey.

The Speaker then laid Senate Bill No. 2 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-100

Adamson. Clayton. Aikin. Colson. Alexander. Cowley. Alsup. Crossley. Atchison. Daniel. Baker. Dunlap. Barrett. Dunagan. Barron. Engelhard. Beck. Fain. Bedford. Fisher. Bourne. Fuchs. Burns. Glass. Camp. Golson. Canon. Good. Celaya. Goodman. Chastain. Graves.

Greathouse. Palmer. Griffith. Parkhouse. Hankamer. Patterson. Harman. Pavlica. Harris. Puryear. Hartzog. Ramsey. Head. Ratliff. Hicks. Reed of Bowie. Hill. Renfro. Hodges. Riddle. Hoskins. Roark. Huddleston. Rogers of Hunt. Hughes. Rogers Hyder. of Ochiltree. Jackson. Rollins. James. Russell. Jones of Atascosa. Scarborough. Jones of Shelby. Shannon. Kavton. Smith. Kyle of Hays. Stanfield. Kyle of Palo Pinto. Steward. Lange. Stinson. Latham. Stovall. Lemens. Stubbeman. Leonard. Tarwater. Long. Tennyson. Thomas. Mackay. Tillery. Magee. Townsend. McGregor. Metcalfe. Van Zandt. Moffett. Vaughan. Walker. Moore. Morrison. Wells. Morse. Young. Nicholson.

Present-Not Voting

Hunt.

Absent

Bradley. Laird.
Calvert. McCullough.
Cathey. Merritt.
Davidson. Pope.
Duvall. Scott.
Dwyer. Wagstaff.
Holland. Winningham.

Jefferson.
Johnson
of Anderson.

Absent—Excused

Johnson Anderson. of Dimmit. Bergman. Butler. Jones of Runnels. Caven. Lindsey. Coombes. Lotief. Dean. Mathis. McDougald. Devall. McKee. Ford. Harrison. Mitcham. Munson. Hester. Holekamp. Ray. Holloway. Reader. Reed of Dallas. Hunter.

Roberts. Savage. Shults.

Turlington. Weinert. Wood.

Mr. Kayton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of further considering House Bill No. 1.

The motion prevailed.

The House, accordingly, at 11:05 o'clock a. m., resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Mr. Stevenson in the Chair.)

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House reported the following proceedings had in the Commit-

The chairman laid before the committee, for consideration at this time, the following report of the steering committee, heretofore appointed, in regard to conducting an inquiry of the expenditure of relief funds, and for the consideration of House Bill No. 1.

Hon. Coke R. Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House:

Your steering committee, appointed to formulate plans and to conduct a hearing on House Bill No. 1, respectfully advises as follows:

Under the resolution, the hearing on this bill is similar to the hearing on any bill before any committee and the purpose of this hearing is apparently to discuss the actual needs of the State for relief at this time and the policies under which relief is to be administered rather than to investigate or criticize former expenditures of relief funds. It is evident to this committee that after the funds are allocated to the various counties it would be impossible, in a short length of time, to inquire into any alleged irregularities on the part of the various county or State organizations, and for that reason the plans of this committee do not include the consideration of the administration of funds in any individual county, but is confining itself to a consideration of the present imperative needs of the people of Texas and the policies governing the expenditure of whatever funds this Legislature may authorize.

der to expedite a hearing upon this bill the author of the bill first present the same and discuss any variation from the bill which was passed at the last session of the Legislature. Members are requested to reduce to writing questions they may desire to ask, and such questions will be propounded by your steering committee.

Your Committee proposes to hear the following persons with reference to House Bill No. 1:

The author of the bill.

2. The State Auditor, who will be requested to explain his analysis of

relief fund expenditures.

3. The Director and Assistant Director of the Relief Commission, who will be requested to explain the report which they have submitted to this session of the Legislature, particularly with regard to the future relief needs of this State.

4. Any member of the Relief Commission who may be able to throw any light upon the policies of the

Relief Commission.

If it should become apparent that the expenditures of relief funds are subject to any abuses by local or State Administrations, or that the policies of local or State Administrations are responsible for any undue extravagance, and if it should develop that no apparent plan has been formulated by which the relief rolls may be materially lightened, if in the opinion of the House these facts warrant, an investigation of such matters should then be authorized by the House.

In going through the report of the Relief Commission we find a lack of information which the steering committee deems important and we request that the same be furnished the committee without delay.

- 1. A complete inventory of all physical properties leased, rented, or purchased by the Texas Relief Commission.
- 2. A complete pay roll of all administrative officers and employes showing the amount paid each employe and the percentage of administration expenses borne by the State and by the Federal Government.

3. The rate of pay and the limitations, if any, on the traveling expenses of officers and employes of the Commission.

It is the desire of this committee, We respectfully advise that in or-! with the active and orderly co-operation of the individual House Members, to complete this hearing on House Bill No. 1 not later than Thursday of next week.

The steering committee requests the assignment of Committee Room No. 3 for its use and invites every Member, who has a local relief problem in his district, to meet with the steering committee at any convenient time when the Committee of the Whole House is not in session for a discussion.

DUVALL, KAYTON, JAMES, PARKHOUSE, ALEXANDER.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment to the report:

Amend report by adding in proper place the words "and the payrolls of administrative expense in each county."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following amendment to the report:

Amend committee report by adding after provision 4, page 1, the following:

"5. Any other person whom the Committee of the Whole House desires to invite to appear to testify."

METCALFE, RIDDLE.

The amendment was adopted.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Aikin asked unanimous consent of the House that Mr. Graves be named as a Member of the steering committee.

There was no objection and it was so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1

The Chairman laid before the Committee, for consideration at this time,

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the issuance of State relief bonds to be designated as Texas Relief Bonds, Third Series, in the sum of nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) under Section 51-a, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Texas; providing for the sources of revenue from which said bonds shall be paid and their denominations, date maturities, maximum interest rate, and date of payment of interest, place of payment, next Tuesday.

ment, exempting same from taxation; providing that said bonds shall be eligible to secure deposits of the State of Texas, that said bonds shall be eligible to secure deposits of the State of Texas, counties, cities, or political subdivisions thereof and public corporations thereof; providing for their approval by the Attorney General, signing by the Governor, attesting by the Secretary of State, and registering by the Comptroller and Treasurer; prescribing the procedure for the sale of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; prohibiting borrowing in anticipa-tion of future issuance of bonds; etc., and declaring an emergency.

After some consideration of House Bill No. 1, Mr. Burns moved that the Committee rise and report progress, and asked leave of the House to sit again.

The motion prevailed.

(Signed)

COKE R. STEVENSON, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House.

IN THE HOUSE

(Speaker in the Chair.)

Mr. Van Zandt moved that it be the sense of the House that the steering committee, heretofore appointed, be given the right of way in the House in order that the House might give prompt attention to the consideration of House Bill No. 1, and of the expenditure of relief funds.

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, September 1, 1934.

Hon. Coke Stevenson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate Bill No. 2 by the following vote: Yeas, 21; nays, 0.

Respectfully, BOB BARKER, Secretary of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Alexander moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., next Tuesday. Question first recurring on the motion by Mr. Alexander, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-75

Aikin. Jones of Shelby. Alexander. Kyle of Hays. Alsup. Latham. Baker. Leonard Mackay. Barrett. Barron. Magee. McCullough. Beck. Bedford. Merritt. Bourne. Metcalfe. Bradley. Moffett. Moore. Burns. Morrison. Camp. Canon. Morse. Cathey. Parkhouse. Chastain. Pavlica. Clayton. Puryear. Cowley. Ratliff. Crossley. Reed of Bowie. Daniel. Riddle. Dunlap. Rogers of Hunt. Dunagan. Rogers of Ochiltree. Fisher. Fuchs. Rollins. Glass. Russell. Good. Scarborough. Goodman. Stanfield. Graves. Stinson. Griffith. Tarwater. Tennyson. Hankamer. Harris. Thomas. Tillery. Head. Holland. Townsend. Hoskins. Van Zandt. Huddleston. Vaughan. Hyder. Walker. Jackson. Wells. James. Winningham. Jones of Atascosa. Young.

Nays--10

Colson. Kyle of Palo Pinto. Fain. Lange. Hartzog. Palmer. Hill. Steward. Hughes. Stubbeman.

Absent

Adamson. Hodges. Atchison. Hunt. Calvert. Jefferson. Celaya. Johnson Davidson. of Anderson. Kayton. Duvall. Dwyer. Laird. Engelhard. Lemens. Golson. Long. McGregor. Greathouse. Harman. Nicholson. Hicks. Patterson.

Pope. Scott.
Ramsey. Shannon.
Renfro. Smith.
Roark. Stovall.

Absent—Excused

Anderson. Lotief. Bergman. Mathis. Butler. McDougald. Caven. McKee. Coombes. Mitcham. Dean. Munson. Devall. Ray. Reader. Ford. Harrison. Reed of Dallas. Hester. Roberts. Holekamp. Savage. Holloway. Shults. Hunter. Turlington. Johnson of Dimmit. Wagstaff. Jones of Runnels. Weinert. Lindsey. Wood.

The House, accordingly, at 12:10 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., next Monday.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Judiciary filed a favorable report on House Bill No. 14.

The Committee on State Affairs filed a favorable report on House Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

SEVENTH DAY

(Monday, September 3, 1934)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Stevenson.

The roll was called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker. Burns. Adamson. Butler. Aikin. Calvert. Alexander. Camp. Alsup. Canon. Atchison. Cathey. Baker. Chastain. Barrett. Clayton. Barron. Colson. Beck. Cowley. Bedford. Crossley. Bergman. Daniel. Bourne, Davidson. Bradley. Dean.